

YESTERDAY it was our pleasant duty to record several Democratic victories in North Carolina; in addition to those we have others to-day from Alabama and Indiana. The tidal wave of Democratic success has set in.

We have to-day two opinions on civil rights from United States district judges—one in Texas, the other in North Carolina. Judge Brooks, of the latter state, sustains the view taken by Judge Emmons, in Memphis—Judge Morris going so far as to make discriminations which in effect destroy the force of the obnoxious act.

ARRANGEMENTS for an imposing parade on Memorial Day are progressing satisfactorily as to lead to the belief that our whole population will be enlisted in it, and that the gallant soldiers who have been suspended. We trust our merchants and business men will make a note of this, and set it before them as a duty to close their stores on the twenty-fourth.

THE forty-four candidates for mayor of Memphis, who are likely to worry themselves to death about the APPEAL, may take rest and such comfort as they can from the statement that this paper will not support any man, no matter who or what he is, for that or any other office, unless he receives the nomination of a Democratic ward or city convention. We are for the party from constant to President.

AFTER many weary days of trial by sickness and disease, enough to test an iron constitution, the gallant soldier, the chivalric gentleman and upright citizen, Captain Wm. Sneed, has been gathered to his fathers. Cherished by a host of friends as he was, the announcement of his demise will carry grief to many a heart and call forth many a heartfelt eulogy of one of the truest and best men of his day.

THE report of the ceremonies attendant upon the consecration of Archbishop Williams, of Boston, published in the APPEAL of yesterday, contained a surprise for thoughtful people, many of whom, recalling New England history, were amazed to learn that the magisterial and legislative dignity of Massachusetts and Boston assisted on the solemn and interesting occasion. Thinking of the burned convent, of Kalkoth and all that we are reminded to exclaim, "Verily times change and men with them."

OF the outrage by which a mere handful of miscreants find a stain upon the fair name of our State capital, the Nashville Union and American says that "there was but one sentiment expressed—that was of unqualified denunciation of the act and most unmitigated denunciation of the official neglect, which permitted the killing of a prisoner in the hands of the law and behind the bars of a jail." These are sound words. And so are these from the Banner: "This is the second time Nashville has suffered a like disgrace. It ought to be stopped very definitely, or else the jail should be abolished as a superfluous nuisance. That's the business of the situation, without any sham or sentiment."

ANY movement that will further the purpose of erecting a monument to the Confederate dead, ought to receive the support and help of all classes of our people. Many of the principal cities of the south have already perpetrated the memory of their heroes in stonied monuments. Our importance in point of population and wealth considered, instead of being the last we should be the first in so noble a work. A committee on subscriptions for this purpose has been appointed, composed of many of our most distinguished citizens. When they call, and call they will, we ask in advance that they be met in a liberal spirit, and that the result of their labors be money enough to build a monument as handsome as any in the country. They ought to be able to secure ten thousand dollars, at least.

Few men will be able to read the letters of Mrs. Tilton in another column unmoved, and we doubt that there is even one of her own sex that will finish them without the tender accompaniment of tears. The poor woman who has been treated with contempt by Beecher and his sycophants and casting crew, and with patronizing pity by her husband and his fiercely vindictive court, unable longer to endure the weight of obloquy and dishonor that both sides have heaped her with, makes an appeal to the public, passing the bounds of form, etiquette and ceremony, and speaking to the fuller jury of the country in the language of despair, cannot fail to have a lasting effect. One sees right of the criminal, sneaking pastor and the debased and brutal husband in the presence of these letters, strong of purpose, yet as graceful in expression as if from the hands of either of the artists in words, between whom Mrs. Tilton's hopes have been wrecked. Pity and tears will have, and in abundance. The country of our country, many natures will be moved, and the womanhood of the Union will extend its sheltering arms to the woman whose heart has been crushed between two monsters of iniquity.

ELECTION RETURNS.

More and Very Decided Democratic Victories—And still the Ball Keeps Rolling.

IN ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, May 4.—The city election was unusually quiet and a large vote was polled. The Democrats made a clean sweep, electing the mayor, clerk and twelve aldermen. This is the first time the Democrats have carried the city since the reconstruction. There is great rejoicing, driving of cannons, etc., and the Democratic majority is four hundred and forty.

IN INDIANA.

SHELBYVILLE, May 4.—A Democratic major is elected—the first in fifteen years. City Democratic.

NEW ALBANY, May 4.—The municipal election in this city resulted in the complete triumph of the Democratic ticket except one councilman.

JEFFERSONVILLE, May 4.—Notwithstanding the great excitement and intense interest manifested in the city election to-day, it passed off without any disturbance. The entire Democratic ticket is elected by majorities ranging from one hundred to three hundred.

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TENNESSEE NEWS.

Knoxville is back-balling. Dyer county has made good. Pulaski has had a religious revival. Buffalo goats have killed much stock in Tipton county.

A Franklin preacher has consented to lecture on "fashion."

The fruit in Tipton county has been damaged by cold weather.

Dyersburg is clamoring for the establishment of manufactures.

The Chattanooga Times thinks that the party is not reactionary.

A preacher of the female gender has been trying to reform Jackson.

The taxable property in Chattanooga is valued at five million dollars.

The recent cold weather has damaged the Williamson county wheat crop.

A few days ago James Lipscomb killed a pelican in Henderson county.

Broomeville States: It is feared that catfish will again visit this section before spring is over.

Mrs. Margaret Reed, of Wilson county, died a few days ago at the age of one hundred and four years.

A Dyerburg editor has been induced to believe that there are coal, iron, silver and lead mines in Dyer county.

Mr. Bell, the oldest citizen of Gallatin, died last week. At the time of his death he was eighty-five years of age.

Ephraim union and revolutionary poetry will soon appear in the patent-manufactured newspapers of the State.

Prof. DeCastro, the magician, has been arrested in Knoxville, for giving gift concerts. East Tennessee is virtuous.

A Franklin county negro fell from a mule while crossing Harpeth creek, near Franklin, last week and was drowned.

By the comptroller's semi-annual report of the poll-tax, Dyer county gets eight hundred and seventy-five dollars for her school fund of the Plymouth church party.

Six—By the law's peculiar phase I am deluded from appearing before you as a witness, because my husband seeks a fortune at the price of my dishonor. I have a mother and several children. I am a woman, and I am a mother. I have a mother and several children. I am a woman, and I am a mother.

Judge for yourself, then, whether I can judge submit to the taunting lies of him who has sworn to love and cherish and whose selfish infamies have torn me from heart and home, blasted my fair name and interesting occasion, of the charity of friends. I demand to be heard by the jury to whom has been told the falsehood of my protector, surely, if I can address the jury, I can make my name and make the hypocrite and scorn of all the world, I too, have a right to be heard; I, too, have a tale to tell, I, too, have a revelation to unfold, untaught by counsel, unaided by friends, without the pecuniary stimulus of adoring companions. I come alone and standing pleading at the last for justice. I ask no mercy, I seek no favor; I simply ask that a wronged wife and injured woman may be permitted to meet the calumnies of a perjured man and faithless husband. Midnight is as daylight when contrasted with his treachery. The father of lies is angel of purity when contrasted with this monstrous hypocrite. I seek no sanction, I crave no publicity; but, my right for my children's sake, and for the sake of womanhood throughout the world, I respectfully ask the precious hour of self-defense against the heaviest onslaughts of a brutal husband.

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